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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Airports Authority of India has been facing huge loss from more than 100 airports in the country;

(b) if so, the details and the reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps taken or proposed to be taken for making these airports profitable in the near future?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION(SHRI PRAFUL PATEL)

(a) & (b) Out of 127 airports managed by Airports Authority of India (AAI), 112 airports (including 33 non- operational airports) have incurred losses during 2006-07. The major reason for incurring consistent losses at these airports is low traffic demand and low non-traffic revenue.

(c) AAI is undertaking city side development at a few non-metro airports through Public Private Partnership with aview to increase the non-traffic revenue at these airports to make them profitable in future.